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1. ISVS SEC GEN ZOLLNER VISITED WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 20 FOR TALKS WITH ACTION/PEACE CORPS AND DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS (MEMCON TO FOLLOW). ZOLLNER HAD JUST COME FROM NEW YORK WHERE HE HAD SEEN UNDP ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON AND ADDRESSED UNGA SECOND COMMITTEE (TEXT POUCHED). FOR FIRST TIME ISVS CONTRIBUTION TO CAUSE OF VOLUNTEERISM MENTIONED IN GA RESOLUTION ON UNV PROGRAM.

2. ZOLLNER EXPLAINED HE HAD COME TO WASHINGTON TO SOUND OUT USG INTENTIONS AND METHODS ON MERGER OF ISVS AND UNV. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TOOK CARE TO REITERATE FOR ZOLLNER RATIONALE BEHIND OUR INITIATIVE TO MERGE ISVS WITH UNV AND METHODS WE PURSUING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL. ZOLLNER RESORTED TO PET THEME THAT BEST LEVER OF PRESSURE TO INSURE INTEGRATED, BROADENED AND EFFECTIVE UNV PROGRAM WAS STRONG AND OPERATIONAL ISVS. IN HIS VIEW SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND SOME VOLUNTEER PURISTS (HE MENTIONED UK AND

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CANADA) WOULD BE PLEASED SEE ISVS DIE WITHOUT ADDING TO

UNV PROGRAM, THE LATTER BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS RUN BY GOVERNMENTS.

3. AFTER LENGTHY AND FRANK EXCHANGES, ZOLLNER PLEDGED COOPERATION WITH US, ASKING IN RETURN THAT WE REMAIN

FLEXIBLE ON FINAL FORM OF INTEGRATED VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN UN SYSTEM. AT THIS POINT, WE INFORMED HIM WE WOULD NOT CONSIDER SEPARATE UN VOLUNTEER FUND AND THAT WE FIRMLY BELIEVED UNDP OFFERED BEST BASIS FOR SOLID FINANCIAL SUPPORT. HOWEVER, WE DID MENTION POSSIBILITY OF BROADENING MANDATE OF CURRENT SPECIAL UNV FUND SO THAT IT MIGHT BE USED FOR ISVS-TYPE ACTIVITIES.

4. ZOLLNER SEEMED AGREEABLE OUR REQUEST HE FURNISH US HIS IDEAS FOR A PROPOSAL TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION IN JANUARY ON BROADENING TERMS UNV MANDATE.

5. ON ISVS GENEVA WORKING GROUP, ZOLLNER SAID SECRETARIAT WAS IN PROCESS PREPARING PROPER DOCUMENTATION. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT WORK OF GROUP SHOULD BE BRIEF AND INTENSIVE WITH AS LARGE REPRESENTATION AS POSSIBLE. HE ADDED HE PLANNING FOR GROUP'S FIRST MEETING IN EARLY JANUARY. YOU MAY PASS THIS INFORMATION TO SELECTED MISSIONS AND COMMENT THAT WHILE U.S. HAS NO OBJECTION TO EARLY JANUARY MEETING, IT MIGHT BE GOOD IDEA TO CALL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN DECEMBER IN ORDER FORMULATE WORK PROGRAM AND CONFIRM WITH SECRETARIAT WHAT DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AND WHEN IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IF THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT, APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO WORKING GROUP PRESIDENT OLIVERI TO CALL DECEMBER MEETING. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL THAT SOME FORWARD MOTION BE DEMONSTRATED BY WORKING GROUP PRIOR TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION WHICH STARTS JANUARY 14.

6. AT FIRST GLANCE WE FIND DICHTER'S COMMENTS ON SPHERES OF ACTIVITIES DURING TRANSMISSION PERIOD INTERESTING AND INTEND STUDY THEM CAREFULLY. KISSINGER

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